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SUBJ: CIVAIR - AIRPORT USER CHARGES

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1. ACCORDING FRANK GUZZARDO, PAA MANAGING DIRECTOR IN ROME, AIRLINES LED BY ALITALIA HAVE REACHED A "COMPROMISE" WITH CIVILAVIA UNDER WHICH ALL AIRLINES WILL HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 1976 TO PREPARE FOR COLLECTION OF AIRPORT USER CHARGE BY AIRLINES THEMSELVES RATHER THAN BY CIVIL AVIATION AGENCIES. BEGINNING OCTOBER 15, CIVILAVIA WILL BILL AIRLINES FOR USER CHARGES BASED ON DETAILED PASSENGER MANIFESTS.

2. ACCORDING TO GUZZARDO, AIRLINES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED THAT USER CHARGES SHOULD NOT BE ABSORBED INTO THE TICKET PRICE, BUT SHOULD BE SHOWN SEPARATELY IN BILLINGS TO PASSENGERS. GUZZARDO SAID AIRLINES OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE ENDED UP OBSORBING USER CHARGES WHEN NEXT RATE INCREASE PUT INTO EFFECT.

3. AIRLINES WILL BE NOTIFYING THEIR HEADQUARTERS, IATA, TRAVEL AGENTS, ETC. OF COMPROMISE AND REQUESTING THAT APPROPRIATE BILLING PROCEDURES BE PREPARED BY OCTOBER 15. GUZZARDO SAID THAT COMPROMISE ALLOWS PLENTY OF TIME FOR CHANGEOVER AND SAW NO NEED FOR REPRESENTATION BY EMBASSY AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY CONCURS. BEAUDRY

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